Further, taking up of major expansion projects is not considered advisable at this juncture in view of the Government decision to restructure the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai through long term leasing to the private investors, where in private investors will be required to undertake specified capacity expansion projects in the short term and to meet internationally accepted performance criteria in the long term.

Legislation on surplus staff at SEZs

2381. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government arc preparing legislation enabling the investors in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to sack surplus staff at short notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the new measures would be applicable to contract labour as well as to those with regular jobs;

(d) whether besides SEZs, these measures will be operative in several Export Promotion Zones prevalent in the country; and

(e) if so, by when, the proposed legislation is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.